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1. According to a report from Ecuador, orders for the arrest of the five Peruvian soldiers previously reported as having been apprehended near Tulcan on the Colombian-Ecuadoran border,* were issued by Major Angel Zurita, Commanding Officer of Infantry Battalion No. 5 "Guayas" garrisoned in Tulcan. Zurita reportedly stated that the soldiers, three engineers and two Air Force officers, were undoubtedly engaged in espionage as many documents of a topographical nature were found in their possession. The documents, together with the Peruvians, were turned over to Colombian military authorities at the time of the arrest.
2. Lt. Col. Gustavo Berrio, Chief of Army Intelligence of the Colombian armed forces, has declared that he has no knowledge of the capture of Peruvian officials in Ecuador. Berrio further stated that telegraphic communications with the military commander of the area where the Peruvians were turned over to Colombia reflected that this officer was also unfamiliar with the allegation.
3. The Colombian Director of Extranjeria, Gustavo Moreno, stated that records forwarded to his office from Ipiates revealed no indication of the capture of Peruvian military officers on the Tulcan-Ipiates border.

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